

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July - August 2024			* Dial 03306060403 from any phone (free). Enter access code 568124. Press # key
Sun	14	9:30 am 11:00 am	PARISH COMMUNION AT BAYFORD FAMILY SERVICE AT LITTLE BERKHAMSTED
Wed	17	9:30 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ESSENDON
Sun	21	9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	PARISH COMMUNION AT PONSBOURNE FAMILY SERVICE AT ESSENDON FAMILY SERVICE AT BRICKENDON
Wed	24	9:30 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ESSENDON
Sun	28	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	PARISH COMMUNION AT LITTLE BERKHAMSTED FAMILY SERVICE AT BAYFORD EVENSONG AT ESSENDON
Wed	31	9:30 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ESSENDON
Sat	3	10:00-11:30	Registration at Little Berkhamsted
Sun	4	10.15 am	GROUP PARISH COMMUNION AT ESSENDON

St Mary's Church Ponsbourne is open Wednesdays 9:30am -12:30 pm.

Registration on 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Little Berkhamsted Church. There is no registration on 20 July. (Any enquiries of weddings, baptisms, funerals etc you are welcome).

A group for Mums and Babies for a coffee and chat on Tuesday mornings 10:00 – 11:30am. The group meets at Little Berkhamsted Church.

Bible Study. Thursdays 7pm. For information contact Trish McKellar at mckellartrish@gmail.com.

HARTFORD HUNDRED WEST GROUP



*St Mary the Virgin
Essendon*

*St Mary
Ponsbourne*

*St Andrew
Little Berkhamsted*

*St Mary
Bayford*

*Holy Cross & St Alban
Brickendon*

Sunday 14 July 2024

9:30 am Parish Communion at Bayford
11:00 am Family Service at Little Berkhamsted

Events mid-week

Wed 17 July at 9:30 am Holy Communion at Essendon

Sunday 21 July 2024

9:30 am Parish Communion at Ponsbourne
9:30 am Family Service at Essendon
11 am Family Service at Brickendon

Events mid-week

Wed 24 July at 9:30 am Holy Communion at Essendon

Sunday 28 July 2024

9:30 am Parish Communion at Little Berkhamsted
11:00 am Family Service at Bayford
6:30 pm Evensong at Essendon

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PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR 14 JULY

Those who have died (Please pray for the bereaved families)

"The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit". Psalm 34:18

Those who are sick in our group:

Little Berkhamsted: Bronwyn. **Brickendon:** Margaret & Des Hills, Margaret Lambe, Hugh Dunlop, Christine & Bruno Rabouin-Plummer. **Essendon:** Jo Cotter, Joan Thomson, Angela & Keith Venables, James Gower, Sue Rees, Sara, Annabelle.

Ponsbourne: Rose Venus.

In our Diocese: Bayford, Hertford and Ware. Theresa Musiwacho

World and Mission: Continued support from the community and God to send more labourers

ACP: The Church of Ireland

Collect Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Ephesians 1:3-14 ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven

and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29 ¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR 28 JULY

Those who have died (Please pray for the bereaved families)

"The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit". Psalm 34:18

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Ponsbourne: Rose Venus.

In our Diocese: Hertingfordbury, Hertford and Ware. Alan Stewart, Bill Church, (Rs) Melanie Seward, Geoff Oates

World and Mission: For the recruitment of a Youth and Children's Worker.

ACP Nippon Sei Ko Kwai (Anglican Church of Japan)

Collect Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Ephesians 2:11-end ¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - ¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both

into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, ¹⁵ abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; ²¹ in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually[□] into a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-end ³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.